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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the notification of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 16-19, 21, and 24-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and references were filed on April 28, 2005. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references, and return of an initialed and signed Form PTO-1449.

Claims 16-21 and 24-26 are pending in the application.

Independent claims 16, 17, and 21 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14, which is canceled without prejudice. Therefore, independent claims 16, 17, and 21, and dependent claims 18-20 should be in condition for allowance.

Independent claims 24 and 26 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 22, which is canceled without prejudice. Therefore, independent claims 24 and 26, and dependent claim 25 should be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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